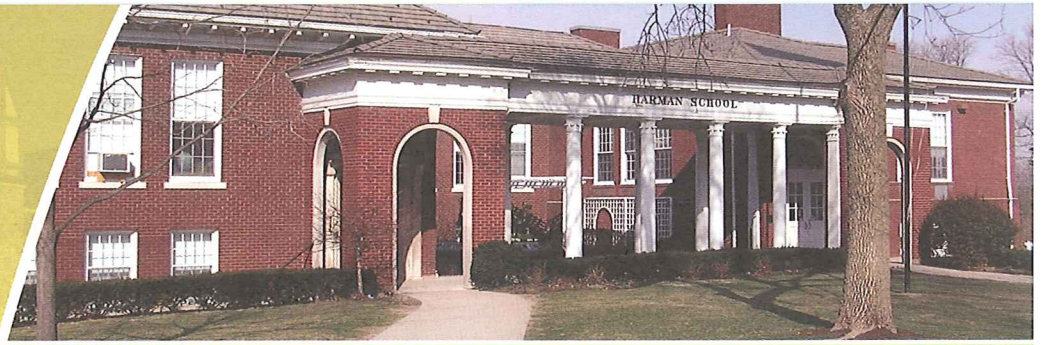

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City News

CHANGE IN CITY COUNCIL

On January 4 our city installed a new council. Departing city council members were Mayor Judy Cook and Vice Mayor Carlo McGinnis. Sworn in as new council members were Rob Stephens and Anne Hilton. *Continued on page 2*

School News

INTRODUCING THE OAKWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Elected school board members carry out the constitutional mandate to administer the school system of each district. With the advice and counsel of the educational professionals they hire, school boards have an impact on virtually every aspect of our schools. School boards make policy; approve contracts with employees; choose curriculum; adopt budgets; and select a superintendent, treasurer and business manager. Please see page 9 for an introduction to Oakwood's Board of Education members.

Library News

SCHOOL AND LIBRARY COOPERATION

One of Wright Library's goals is to help students succeed in school. The library accomplishes this aim by working cooperatively with the Oakwood Schools as much as possible. The library provides materials to supplement the K through 12 curriculum, librarians trained to work with children and teens, and programs to encourage learning and reading for pleasure. Teachers may borrow collections of books for classroom use for an extended loan period. On class visits, students learn to do research and find materials for themselves in a public library. Wright Library is proud to be a partner in providing an excellent education for Oakwood's children and teens.

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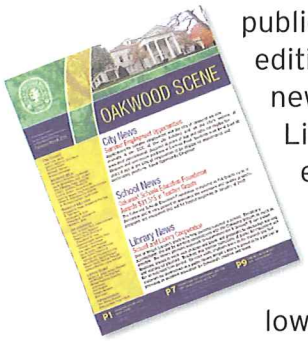


You probably don't recognize this publication...and for good reason. This edition is our first with an altogether new look. Your City, School and Library officials worked together to enhance the bi-monthly newsletter. The new design offers more color and better options for graphics and photographs... and all at a lower price. We hope you like it.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council will conduct public meetings on the following dates:

Regular Sessions:

7:30 p.m., Monday, February 1
7:30 p.m., Monday, March 1

Work Sessions:

5:00 p.m., Monday, February 22
5:00 p.m., Monday, March 22

All meetings will take place in the conference room and council chambers at 30 Park Avenue.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

City offices, the Public Works Center and the OCC will be closed on Monday, February 15 for President's Day.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX

Oakwood residents are reminded to report your place of residence as Oakwood, Montgomery County, Ohio, when filling out your motor vehicle license plate application or renewal. By listing Oakwood you make sure the city receives its rightful share of motor vehicle registration and gasoline taxes.

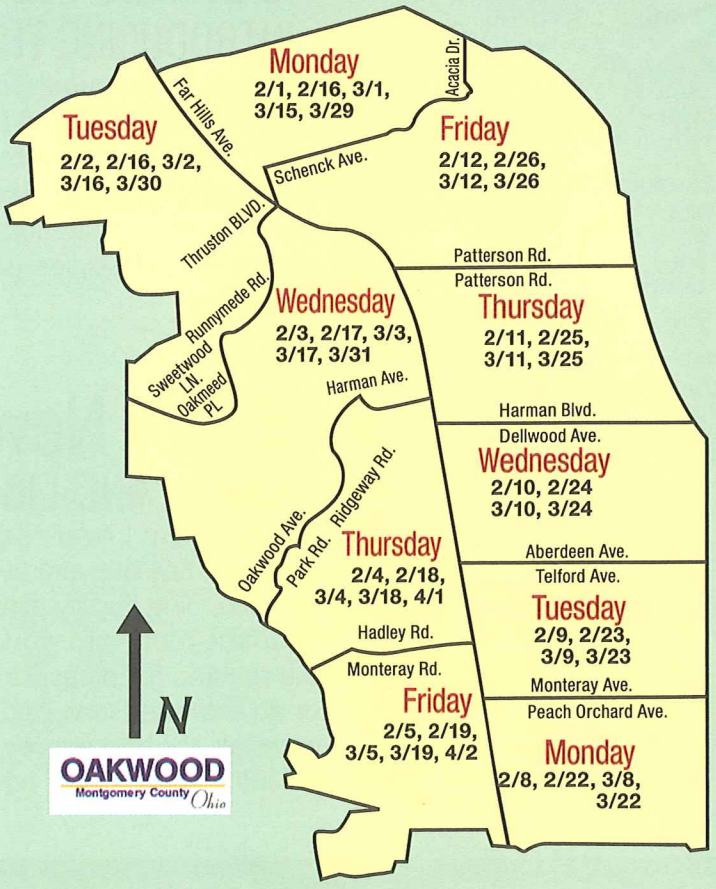
SPRING YARD & GARDEN CLEANUP

As you get ready to tackle the spring yard and garden projects, here are a few things to remember:

- Place larger piles of yard debris including brush and branches into the tree lawn area just behind the curb. Remember that branches should be no longer than 6' and should be placed in manageable piles. Also, please do not place these piles around trees, fire hydrants, cable TV boxes or posts/poles.
- Under no circumstance should you place anything except yard debris in the tree lawn area.
- Place small amounts of leaves, small twigs, flowers and other such smaller yard debris items in with your regular trash.
- If you have extra yard debris, place it in bags next to your cans. Please limit these extra bags to not more than two. If you have more than two, you should call for a special pickup or a dumpster free of charge.
- Do not stack loose debris around or on top of cans.
- Please remember the 35 gallon and 60-pound limits on trash cans and that all cans must have lids.
- Grass clippings are not accepted, either with regular trash or with curbside yard debris.

Please refer to the map below for your scheduled pickup days.

Curbside Yard Debris Collection Schedule



The following two roads are scheduled as follows:

- Far Hills Ave. 2/4, 2/18, 3/4, 3/18
- Shroyer Rd. 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25

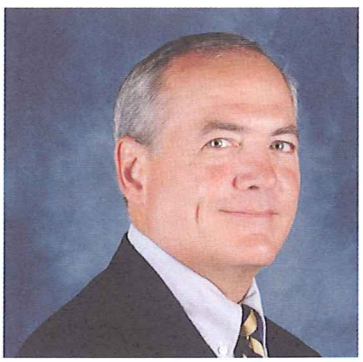
SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for summer employment with the city of Oakwood are now available at the OCC, at the city building and on the city's website at www.mvcc.net/oakwood. Students 16 years of age and older are eligible for lifeguard and concession positions at Gardner Pool. Students must be at least 18 years of age at the time of employment to be eligible for maintenance and landscaping positions. Equal Opportunity Employer.

CHANGE IN CITY COUNCIL

Judy Cook served on council for 20 years, the second longest tenure in office for an Oakwood city council member. Over the past eight years she was our mayor. Carlo McGinnis served on council for 24 years, the longest tenure for an elected Oakwood council member in the 102 year history of our city. Over the past six years he was our vice mayor. We thank Judy and Carlo for their many years of outstanding public service. To read about their many accomplishments, go to the city website at: www.mvcc.net/oakwood. You'll find resolutions highlighting their respective careers.

Judy Cook



Carlo McGinnis

Also on January 4, our new 5-member city council elected Bill Duncan to serve as mayor and Steve Byington to serve as vice mayor. Our new city council is as follows:

Mayor
William Duncan

Vice Mayor
Steve Byington

Council Member
Anne Hilton

Council Member
Rob Stephens

Council Member
Stanley Castleman

PRESIDENT'S DAY TRASH PICKUP

Please note that trash pickup for all routes the week of February 15th will be picked up one day later than usual. Monday's route will be picked up Tuesday; Tuesday's route will be picked up Wednesday; Wednesday's route will be picked up Thursday; and Thursday's route will be picked up Friday.

MULCH PROGRAM

Citizens will have two options again this year for obtaining leaf mulch. For those who want mulch delivered, we offer 3 cy for $65 and 6 cy for $85. Please call 298-0777 to place an order. We will be taking orders beginning in March on a first come, first served basis. Mulch deliveries will take place on 6 Saturdays beginning on April 10th and ending on May 15th.

On the same six Saturdays, residents can obtain free mulch from the Public Works Center at 210 Shafor Blvd. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., but must haul the mulch themselves. City personnel will assist in loading the mulch.

SPECIAL PICKUPS

Special pickups can be scheduled by calling 298-0777. All Oakwood property owners are entitled to two special pickups per calendar year at no cost. Additional pickups will be charged at $50 each. If you are a tenant, you must coordinate your special pickups with the property owner. For special pickups, all items must be placed in an open area where the city bucket loader can safely access them (e.g., on driveways away from structures and fences).

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY RECYCLING

Residents may recycle telephone directories during the month of March by delivering them to the city's drop off location at the Creager Field parking lot on Shafor Boulevard near Irving Avenue or the recycling container in the Dorothy Lane Market parking lot.

DUMPSTERS

As an alternative to a special pickup, residents can request a dumpster for disposing of resident generated debris (no contractor generated debris please). There is a $50 delivery and pickup charge for the dumpster. The person requesting the dumpster will also be responsible for the costs incurred by the city for dumping the discarded materials. If you would like to use a dumpster for disposing of brush and branch material, rather than waiting for the regularly scheduled bi-weekly pickup, please call 298-0777 to schedule a dumpster delivery. There is no charge when using dumpsters for brush and branch disposal.

2010 CURB, WALK & APRON PROJECT

The 2010 curb, sidewalk and apron repair project will take place in the area east of Far Hills from Telford to the south corporation limit. It will also include Aberdeen from Far Hills to Shafor. The purpose of the program is to maintain the concrete structures located within the city rights-of-way in good, safe condition. We have begun inspecting the areas and marking sections of concrete requiring repairs. Residents affected by the work will receive personal notification regarding their responsibilities. Please call Engineering Technician Bart Bornhorst at 298-0777 if you have any questions. For those who choose to do the repair work themselves, please remember to obtain a permit in advance and note that all work must be completed and inspected by June 11.

SUGAR CAMP AND POINTE OAKWOOD PROGRESS CONTINUES

Over the past 20 months, much has been accomplished on the Sugar Camp and Pointe Oakwood projects. The Sugar Camp office complex is essentially completed. There are approximately 100 people working in the professional offices and we hope to see additional employees added over the course of the year.

The Pointe Oakwood project is moving along in a steady and deliberate manner consistent with the approved master plan and with the guidelines we established in our city comprehensive plan. Pointe Oakwood creates a new residential neighborhood in Oakwood. Housing will include patio homes, condominiums, villas and towne homes with floor plans designed specifically for empty-nesters and retirees. The development will address citizen desires for homes that conveniently accommodate their leisure and travel lifestyles and will include a homeowner's association. We have very few housing options of this type in our city, yet many long-time residents (and some newer residents) desire it. Many of our long-time residents want to stay in Oakwood, but have expressed that housing choices must match their needs.

The model patio home located along Far Hills Avenue is nearly completed and will serve as the sales office. It will open within the next few weeks.

During these winter months the contractor will focus on site clean-up and will complete some remaining site preparation work as the weather permits. In April, roadway paving will continue along Pointe Oakwood Way, the residential street running parallel to Far Hills... and each of the individual building sites along this roadway will be made ready for home construction.

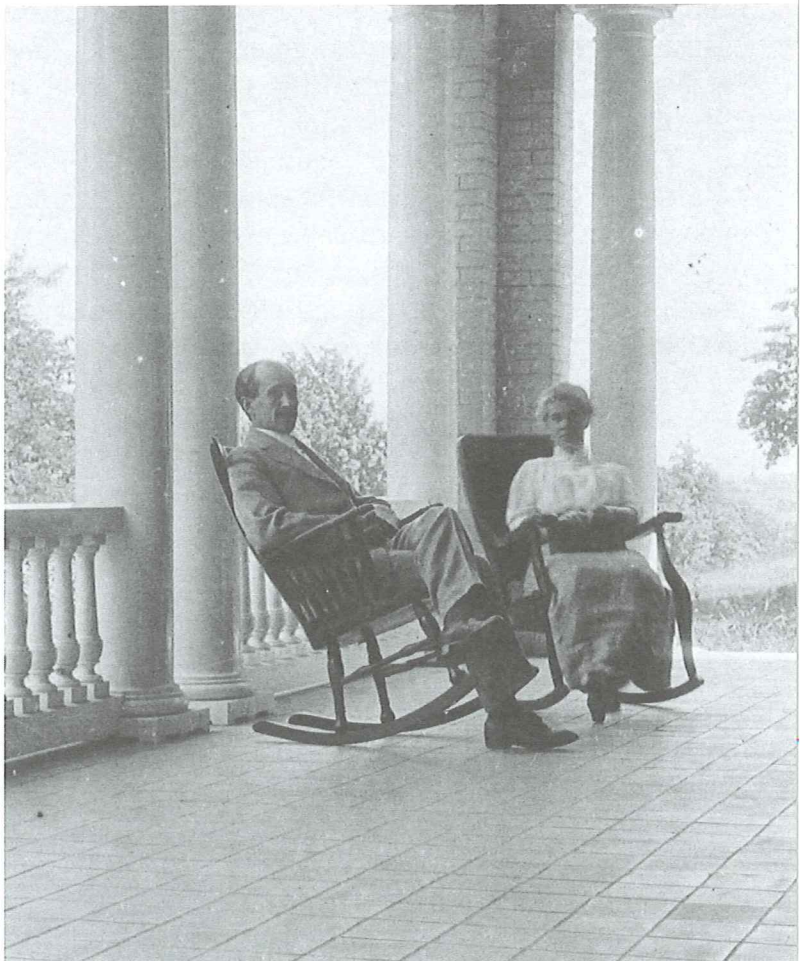
For questions, please contact City Manager Norbert Klopsch at 298-0600 or Assistant City Manager Jay Weiskircher at 298-0411.

OAKWOOD LAUDED IN SMITHSONIAN MAGAZINE

Page 14 of the January edition of Smithsonian magazine contained a surprise for Oakwood. The magazine included a picture of Hawthorn Hill and the following text:

"I have lived in several communities in the United States but have never encountered the hometown feeling of Oakwood, Ohio, a suburb of Dayton. The feeling of community and the beauty of the homes are unmatched. Oakwood was also the home of Orville Wright for most of his adult life, and his mansion on Hawthorn Hill is now a national historic landmark. A visit to the Wright Memorial Public Library is a must. Look at the plaque inside the front door and you will see the names of the board members who got the library built in 1939. When you see "Orville Wright, Vice President" and consider the man's accomplishments, you realize how proud you are to have been a part of Oakwood and say it was your hometown."

The submission was made by Dave Bohman and is featured as the magazine's monthly "Your Kind of Town" selection.



COMMUNITY CENTER NEWS

Upcoming Events/Classes:

- Junior High Dances, Fridays, February 12 and March 12, 8:30-10 p.m.
- Annual Junior High Ski Trip, Thursday, February 18.
- Pre-School Basketball Clinic, Saturday mornings, February 27- March 20.
- Family 2-on-2 Basketball Tournament, Saturday, March 20.
- Egg Coloring & Pictures with the Easter Bunny, Wednesday, March 24, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Friends of Smith Gardens Perennial Sale, Friday and Saturday, April 16-17.

For more details and information, contact the Oakwood Community Center at 298-0775

INCOME TAX

In December, 2009, council approved legislation changing the Oakwood Municipal Income Tax Ordinance. Beginning with returns filed for tax year 2009, losses from federal Schedules C, E and/or F may no longer be used to reduce taxable wages, commissions or other taxable income. Please contact the Tax Department at 298-0531 if you have any questions.

As a reminder, 2009 Oakwood income tax returns are due April 15, 2010. The City of Oakwood has a mandatory filing requirement for all residents. Every individual, 18 years of age or older, who resides in Oakwood, must file an Oakwood City income tax return, whether or not any tax is due. This includes college students who are away at school. Retired residents who have income derived exclusively from non-taxable sources (interest, dividend, social security and/or pension income, etc.) may apply for exemption from the filing requirement. Contact the tax office at 298-0531 for more information.

If you need assistance with the preparation of your Oakwood income tax return, please visit the Tax Department before March 31, 2008. Normal business hours for the tax office are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Extended hours will be provided during the filing season as follows:
April 13, 2010 through April 15, 2010
(Tues - Thurs) 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SAFETY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Vacant/vacation house checks are a service to Oakwood citizens. If you are planning to be away from your residence for longer than a day you may call our dispatcher at 298-2122 to schedule to have your house checked by an Oakwood Public Safety officer periodically while you are gone. Officers walk around your house checking doors, windows, etc. for any signs of unauthorized entry. You may leave a contact phone number for yourself, a trusted friend, neighbor or relative who will be called in case something suspicious is found during the inspection. Please call us when you return home so your address can be removed from the list.

ATHLETIC AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Over the past seven months the city has been working on developing an athletic and recreation master plan. The plan addresses Oakwood public athletic and recreation facilities and will provide a guide for operations, maintenance, and capital improvements over the next 5-10 years. The master plan will include a vision for the future, taking into consideration our existing facilities, as well as unmet athletic and recreation needs as identified by Oakwood citizens and city leaders.

The city has already conducted three community meetings for the purpose of obtaining citizen input and will conduct another meeting within the next few weeks. The meeting date and time will be announced through the news media and through the OCC citizen e-mail distribution list. There are over 1,800 citizen e-mail addresses on the list. To have your e-mail added, please call the OCC at 298-0775.

LANGE PRESCHOOL

In an effort to provide appropriate services to preschool aged children with disabilities, the Oakwood City Schools, in conjunction with Montgomery County Developmental Disabilities Services (formerly Montgomery County MRDD), operates an integrated preschool program at the Lange School which operates four days per week with half-day sessions. Both preschool age children with disabilities, and typically developing children are enrolled in the program. The purpose of this program is to provide children with disabilities intervention services designed to meet their specific needs and the opportunity to interact with typically developing children in a positive learning environment.

Process for Selecting Typically Developing Students

Typically developing preschool students are selected for the program through a lottery. To be eligible for the lottery, students must be age 3 or 4 by September 30, 2010; be residents of the district; and be typically developing. Cost of participation in the program for the 2010-2011 school year is $800 annually, payable quarterly. **Lottery applications for placement in the program for the 2010-2011 school year will be available January 15 and will be accepted until April 15.** The lottery will be conducted between May 15 and June 5. For additional information and an application, contact Pam Taiclet or Cathie Newburg, Office of Educational Services, Oakwood Board of Education, at 297-7802.

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Ohio School Districts are required to provide free appropriate educational services to all children in their attendance areas who are ages 3 through 21 and who are determined to have a disability. Disability, in this case, means such conditions as hearing impairments, visual impairments, speech or language impairments, specific learning disabilities, emotional disturbance, multiple disabilities, cognitive disabilities, physical impairments, other health impairments, autism and traumatic brain injury.

Schools are also required to provide evaluations to determine if a child has such a disability. If you have or know of a child who may have a disability, contact your local school district for more information. In Oakwood, please contact Pam Taiclet, Director of Educational Services, at the Oakwood Board of Education Office, 297-7802.

40 DEVELOPMENTAL ASSETS: OAKWOOD COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVE

Mission Statement: Our community endeavors to intentionally and strategically construct building blocks to help our young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. In order to achieve this outcome, we will strive to be deliberate and repetitive in using 40 Assets language.

For news, events and information on the 40 Assets visit the community website at:
http://www2.oakwood.k12.oh.us/~fortyassets/The_40_Developmental_Assets_-_Oakwood.html.

KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AND PARENT ORIENTATION DATES SET:

PARENT ORIENTATION - Lange School
Wednesday, April 14, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.
SCREENING APPOINTMENTS - Lange School
April 19-22, 2010 - 8:30 A.M.-3:30 P.M

Children who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2010, may be registered for Kindergarten. Children who will be five years old between October 1, 2010 and January 1, 2011, may be considered for early entrance. Parents interested in early entrance may contact Lange School to request an application and testing information. Children referred for early entrance should participate in Kindergarten Screening. It is important to note that state law makes Kindergarten a mandatory prerequisite for first grade. All first graders must have successfully completed Kindergarten. Furthermore, state law requires that all entering Kindergarten students be screened for hearing, vision, speech and communication, health or medical problems and for developmental disorders.

Parent Orientation (April 14, 2010, 7:00 P.M. at Lange):
This meeting is for parents ONLY. The purpose of the orientation meeting is to provide an overview of Oakwood's Kindergarten program, explain the Kindergarten Screening procedures and schedule one-hour screening appointments with parents for the following week. Parents do not need to bring any paperwork to the orientation meeting - just your calendar.

Screening Appointments (April 19-22, 2010):
Kindergarten Screening will be conducted on an appointment only basis from April 19 through April 22, 2010. Parents may sign up for appointment times at the orientation session or by calling Lange School at 299-8730 beginning Wednesday, April 15, 2010.

OAKWOOD SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS $31,515 IN TEACHER GRANTS

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation completed its Fall Grants cycle in December, awarding $31,515 to Oakwood teachers and administrators and bringing the Foundation's total grant support over the years to over $460,000. The Foundation is very pleased to announce the innovative and quality projects, programs and equipment that will be funded beginning in January of 2010.

Dare to Compare: A comparison microscope will be purchased and used by Forensics students to analyze valuable pieces of trace evidence such as hairs, fibers and paint chips. The microscope will also be available for use in other Science courses.

TI-nSpire Graphing Calculators: Funding allows the purchase of 15 calculators so that every student in AP Calculus has one to use during the year and on the AP exam.

French Library: A library of French volumes will be acquired and available to students to help improve command and comprehension of the language.

"Science Rocks and Rules" Family Science Night: Fourth graders at Smith and Harman will be wowed by this hands-on science event that will be staffed by OHS students. Experiments and activities provide opportunities for fourth graders to have fun and make new discoveries.

Expansion of 40 Assets Program: Funds will provide additional copies of From Lange to First Grade, a book written by elementary students for Kindergarten students through the 40 Assets Program. Funding also enables elementary students from Smith and Harman to collaborate and help Kindergarten students understand that even though they will go different elementary schools, they are still one class that will be reunited in 7th grade.

iPod Touch Technology: Academic institutions all over the world have begun using iPod Touch technology in the classroom. OHS will soon be on that list. Some of the key benefits this technology offers are greater student engagement, effective and easy to use tool for digital recording, and convenience for both students and faculty of portable digital course content. This technology also offers students and teachers opportunities to collaborate and integrate a number of disciplines in a single lesson.

Student-Performed Energy Audits: Oakwood high school students will soon be knocking on doors offering to perform an energy audit on your home. Funds for this grant will be used to purchase an infrared camera and blower door, equipment used to identify energy inefficiencies in homes.

High School Value Added Project: Partial funding has been offered to provide the opportunity for OHS to participate in the high school value added pilot project through Battelle for Kids, a nonprofit organization committed to catalyzing educational change in Ohio. Value added data measures student progress over time.

The Foundation provides significant annual support for quality initiatives, including teacher and administrative grants, scholarships, and special wish list items. The Foundation is committed to going beyond public funding to enhance the value of an Oakwood education in our students' lives, thanks to generous contributions from community members and alumni. Your support enables us to partner with our teachers to bring new and exciting opportunities to our students.

The Oakwood Schools Education Foundation is a component fund of The Dayton Foundation and accepts and disburses private charitable gifts contributed for the benefit of the Oakwood school system. Current Advisory Council members are: Molly Cobb, Jill Farley Davis, Kim Donnelly, Todd Duwel, Pattie Edmonson, Chris Epley, Ellen Ireland (Chair), John Jervis, Pat Koons, Janine McQuillan, Sandy Pierce, Joann Ringer and Mary Jo Scalzo.

For more information about the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation, please visit our website: www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/osef or contact Karen Gillingham, Director, at 297-5332.

OAKWOOD CITY SCHOOLS FEBRUARY/MARCH

February 2010

1	7 p.m. OJHS 8th Grade Parent Meeting
2	12 p.m. OJHS Parent/Principal Advisory Meeting
4	6 p.m. Smith & Harman 4th Grade Science Night
4	Lange - 100th Day of Kindergarten
6	2 p.m. & 8 p.m. OJHS Play
7	1 p.m. OJHS Play
9	7 p.m. Smith PTO Meeting
10	7:30 p.m. Orchestra Performance
11	11:45 a.m. OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
11	Lange Valentine Parties
11	PM Smith 4th Grade Sharing Program
12	AM Smith 4th Grade Sharing Program
12	11:45 a.m. OHS Parent/Principal Advisory Meeting
15	NO SCHOOL - President's Day
16-19	NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
22	School Resumes
22-26	Harman Jump for Heart Program
24	7 p.m. 6th Grade Parent Meeting at OJHS
25	7 p.m. OJHS Sports Recognition Program
28	3 p.m. Band Concert

March 2010

1	7 p.m. OHS PSEO Meeting
1	8:15 p.m. OHS Dual Enrollment Meeting
1-5	Smith Everybody Counts Program
3	3:45 p.m. Smith Skateworld
3-5	Harman 5th Graders at Camp Joy
4-18	Smith PTO Cookie Sale
8-11	Harman Book Fair
9	7 p.m. Smith PTO Meeting
11	District Waiver Day-Dismissal at Lunchtime Exception: Lange Classes as usual in AM/PM
12	NO SCHOOL-District Inservice Day
13	8 p.m. OHS Turnabout Dance
15	6:30 p.m. OHS Winter Sports Banquet
15	6:30 p.m. Grades 4-6 Parent Meeting - Human Growth & Development
18	Harman 6th Grade Musical
18	11:45 a.m. OJHS/OHS PTO Meeting
18	Lange Class Picture Day
26	8-10:30 a.m. Smith Grades 4-6 Science Fair
26	8 p.m. OHS Musical Performance
27	8 p.m. OHS Musical Performance
28	3 p.m. OHS Musical Performance

The Oakwood Schools master calendar can be viewed online at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us/oakwood/Oakwood_Calendars.html

INTRODUCING THE OAKWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

R. Sam Davis
Sam Davis began his term on the Board of Education in January 2008. His term expires in December 2011. He serves as the P.T.O. liaison and Facilities Committee liaison for the Board. Sam and his wife, Jill, have two children attending Oakwood Schools.

Christopher B. Epley
Chris Epley began his term on the Board of Education in January 2010. His term expires in December 2013. He serves as the Oakwood Schools Education Foundation liaison and on the policy review committee. Chris and his wife, Eileen, have two children, one attending Oakwood Schools and one not yet in school.

Katherine B. Hollingsworth
Katherine Hollingsworth began her term on the Board of Education in October 2009. Her term expires in December 2011. She serves as the Legislative liaison and on the policy review committee. Kathy and her husband, Frank, have two children who are Oakwood High School alumni.

Michael A. Miller
Michael Miller began his term on the Board of Education in January 2010. His term expires in December 2013. He serves as the Student Achievement/Communication liaison for the Board. Michael and his wife, Linda, have two children attending Oakwood Schools.

Elizabeth K. Reger
Elizabeth Reger began her first term on the Board of Education in January 2006. Her current term expires in December 2013. She serves as the Business Advisory/Finance Committee liaison for the Board. Elizabeth and her husband, Bruce, have two children attending Oakwood Schools.

Visit the Oakwood City School District's website at www.oakwood.k12.oh.us for additional information about the Board of Education, our district, schools and events.

LIBRARY CALENDAR DATES

February 15–Library Board meeting, 6 p.m.
March 15–Library Board meeting, 6 p.m.
March 28 ---"Big Read" book discussion at library, 3 p.m.

JOIN THE 2010 "BIG READ"

Wright Library will be participating again this year in the "Big Read," a community-wide reading and book discussion project, which is a joint effort of area libraries, book stores and the *Dayton Daily News*. The library has stocked multiple copies of this year's selection, *Dreamers of the Day* by Mary Doria Russell.

Dreamers of the Day is a historical novel told in the voice of Agnes Shanklin, a 38-year-old single schoolteacher from a town near Cleveland, Ohio. After the influenza epidemic of 1919 strikes down Agnes's family, she settles the family estate, acquires financial independence and adopts a dachshund named Rosie. Accompanied by Rosie, Agnes travels to Cairo during the Cairo Peace Conference, where she befriends Winston Churchill and Lawrence of Arabia among other historical figures. She falls in love with the charismatic Karl Weilbacher, a German spy whose interest in Agnes may have less to do with romance than Agnes will allow herself to believe.

THE BIG READ

The author, Mary Doria Russell, lives in Cleveland, Ohio. She will be coming to Dayton for two events in connection with the Big Read. She is confirmed for Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 1 p.m. at Books & Co. at the Greene and for a 6 p.m. Big Read Dinner Celebration the same day. Ticket information for the Dinner Celebration will by announced in late February or early March.

Wright Library will hold a Big Read book discussion at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 28 in the library meeting room. Everyone is invited to join us for a lively discussion of this interesting historical novel.

LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR JOB HUNTERS

Do you need to polish your résumé? You can simplify the process by using WinWay Résumé Deluxe software on Wright Library's public computers. WinWay Résumé Deluxe is also used by the Job Center. It can help you no matter where you are in the job search process. The program includes over 14,000 sample résumés for virtually every profession and offers a cover letter creator, videos of job interviews, and an "auditor" feature that checks through résumés for mistakes.

Another asset for job seekers is a new "Job and Career Accelerator" section of the Learning Express Library, one of the electronic research databases available at the library and online at www.wrightlibrary.org. The Learning Express Job & Career Accelerator™ provides personalized, step-by-step job search assistance for all levels of job hunters. Job seekers can explore suitable occupations from over 1,000 detailed occupation profiles and find available jobs in their area from a database of over 5 million up-to-date job postings. With Job & Career Accelerator, users can easily create professional targeted résumés, master interviewing techniques, improve work related skills and prepare for occupation-related exams. In addition, it helps job seekers plan, tailor, and track multiple job searches at the same time while providing expert advice and tips each step of the way.

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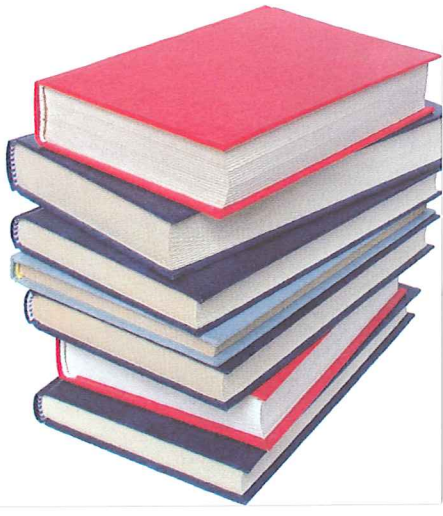

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